



HIDDEN SPIRITS



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An expose of the subtle workings of satan in the lives of
christians and the church.

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Foreword

Every great revelation of God's Word, every move of God, has had its pioneers.

There was a Martin Luther for the Reformation, an Evan Roberts for the great Welsh outpouring, a John Wesley for Great Britain and America, and so on to the present day. These men were misunderstood and in their day, the doctrines they preached were rejected by many. Nevertheless they were true and were finally accepted.

So it is with the message contained in this book "Hidden Spirits". Although not a new doctrine, for it is as old as Scripture, few have practiced it since the Reformation, and it has been sadly neglected. This is sad too since, due to this neglect, strange and unscriptural doctrines have taken its place. One teaching prevalent today is that if a person is a Christian he cannot be touched by Satan. To preach contrary to this commonly accepted plea is considered heresy. Many refuse to accept it or even listen to the truth.

In this book H. A. Maxwell Whyte has conclusively proved that many Christians can be, and are, controlled by evil spirits. In some parts this message has not been well received, but Pastor Whyte has time after time proved his message by casting spirits out of many Christians in many cities of the world. He could be considered a pioneer in this field.

I have stood with Pastor Whyte when the command of authority was given and have watched the amazing results—the glorious glow of God's presence on the countenance that a short time before plainly showed the stress of inner spiritual conflict and bondage. In my own experience I have proved this truth in practical operation.

Therefore it gives me great pleasure to present a book with a message designed to deliver you.

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Introduction

One cannot read the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles without becoming aware of the fact that Jesus taught, and the disciples and apostles acted, in accordance with Christ's teachings that there are satanic entities in this world which are capable of causing serious problems in man. Jesus stated that in His name we should cast out devils. This has been interpreted by modern psychologists and psychiatrists to mean that we should have dominion over the realms of mental illness. This has been accepted in a pragmatic sense and we have assumed that all mental illness is a direct result of developmental or environmental processes. Consequently psychiatrists have encouraged man to delve back into his past and find out when times of conflict and anxiety and fear arose in his life so that he can deal with the mental problems that he has by ascertaining the reason for their development. There are, of course, mental diseases which arise as a result of toxic and hereditary factors.

As a physician goes along in his medical practice he begins to be aware that there may be an area of his practice which is comprised of patients who do not apparently fit into the categories set forth by the psychiatrists. In this regard it is most difficult for us to explain duality of the personality. How can it be, for example, that a young man who has been active in his church and religious activities suddenly turns about and commits a murder? This may be explained on the basis of conflicts arising in his early childhood, but as we read the scriptures we find that there is such a thing as sin, and sin entering into the lives of men. This comes about by the individual turning his back upon God and going toward the realms of darkness, and when this occurs certainly evil forces can take possession of his soul. If we are to presume that man has a soul, it is oriented either in the direction of God or the direction of Satan. There appears to be no area of neutrality even though the large

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percentage of modern men would prefer to remain on completely neutral ground. If one is going toward God and is completely committed to Jesus Christ, he is doubtless in an area of protection against evil. However, if he decides to sin and go toward the realms of evil he then loses protection and may be subject to his soul being captivated by the forces of evil.

The most common way for a person to have his soul captivated by evil is to leave the house of worship and to enter the realms of darkness represented by the halls of drunkenness and debauchery so common on every side these days, even though they be dressed up in rather glamorous attire. Once a person has allowed his soul to become captivate by the forces of evil, it is not going to benefit his psychological or spiritual situation to be treated in the usual ways of reassurance, tranquilization, or even shock therapy. What the person in this instance needs is to be dealt with by a physician or minister who has read the Gospels and believes that Jesus was right in saying that evil forces must be cast out in the name of Jesus Christ. Anyone who has ever attempted this has been amazed to see how people can be delivered from terrible spiritual and psychological oppression through the use of exorcism.

Therefore, since I have been asked to write a short introduction to Maxwell Whyte's booklet on "Hidden Spirits", it is my feeling that his is a very useful contribution in this area and may serve as a guide to those who are seeking more knowledge in these realms. Mr. Whyte has had a very wide experience in the realm of casting out of evil entities from oppressed people, and I feel that his experience as indicated in these writings merits careful consideration. It certainly behooves the church seriously to look into Christ's commandment to heal the sick, and this certainly includes the casting out of evil. I should also like to suggest to the church and to Christian psychiatrists that while we are trying all other means to make people mentally well we should seriously investigate on a clinical basis the role of exorcism in making people mentally well. This cannot be undertaken by anyone who is not deeply committed to Jesus Christ and thoroughly convinced that the

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Gospel writings are true. It might prove disastrous for anyone to attempt to investigate exorcism on any other basis. Investigations are under way in Geneva by the Rev. Bernard Martin in this regard and I should certainly feel that we in the Western Hemisphere should also look into this Christian ministry.

As medicine and psychiatry become more and more scientific and less and less spiritual, it is indeed enlightening and spiritually invigorating to see members of the church, such as Maxwell Whyte, come to the fore again pointing us to scriptural truths in an effort to help modern man in all of his dilemmas back toward wholeness, body, mind, soul and spirit.

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Chapter One

Revelation Is Progressive

It is interesting to note how the Holy Spirit has progressively increased His illuminating power as Guide and Teacher upon the church. In the eighteenth century He broke through superstition and showed Martin Luther that those who are justified before God must be made just alone by believing on the finished work of Calvary. It took another two hundred years for the Holy Spirit to break through afresh and teach that salvation without holiness produces little evidence of the finished work of Calvary in a human life. John Wesley was the instrument chosen for this fresh illumination, and it took another two hundred years for the Holy Spirit to reveal that salvation with holiness was not enough—the power was still lacking in the church, and so at the turn of the twentieth century the Holy Spirit was outpoured by Jesus Christ, and this began the “Pentecostal Revival” of this century. **“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you” (Acts 1:8).**

In each of these three phases, many were quite satisfied with the revelation given; and even today we have Reformed Churches, Evangelical and Holiness Churches and Pentecostal Churches, but we would be quite wrong to assume that the Holy Spirit has finished His revelation to the church, or that there is no more to be revealed.

In 1948 it seemed that God sent a refreshing to the Pentecostal groups in an endeavour to teach them concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Little was being made among Pentecostal groups at this time of these gifts, supernaturally given, and there was mistrust and opposition to their use in many assemblies, ~~for Satan by counterfeits and fleshly manifestations had brought confusion.~~ As always happens in a revival, some went on with God and the gifts of the Spirit began to appear in many places, with particular emphasis on the three oral gifts of

tongues, interpretation and prophecy, and on Divine Healing. In addition, the revelation gifts of the word of knowledge and wisdom were heard to a degree previously unknown. These gifts were sometimes wrongly called “the gift of discernment”, because the true gift of discerning of spirits began to be manifest also. Of course, wherever a new move of God is seen Satan will do his best to interfere, disrupt, divide and imitate, and he caused a lot of confusion in this true move of God, but the Lord also caused many of these people to learn by their mistakes, and many realised that the five ministry gifts of apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers, were again necessary in the church to control and guide the operation of these gifts, for we believe that gifts of the Spirit are subject to God’s settings in the church (I Cor. 12:28).

The next move of God was to bring to the attention of the denominational churches the glorious truths of the Holy Spirit, and this can be dated from about 1959, and we believe that under God the chosen vessel was David DuPlessis, a South African who found residence in the United States. He was able to take the full Pentecostal message to leaders of these formal churches, which many received eagerly, and these leaders of reformed and modernistic churches have been falling into the blessing of Pentecost, but they have not been content with the limited interpretation put upon the work of the Holy Spirit by so many Pentecostal groups, but have desired to see the nine gifts in operation whenever the Holy Spirit baptism is given. Their faith is being rewarded! It should be mentioned that the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International have been used in a singular manner to encourage these denominational pastors and to give them opportunity of public witness to their full gospel experience.

To illustrate the importance of this new move of God, we were privileged to witness in the closing weeks of 1961 an Episcopalian surgeon of repute laying hands on an Anglican lady in Toronto, Canada, urging her to “let go and let God” fill her, and she sweetly began to speak in tongues as the Holy Spirit came in. Nothing less than this would suffice, then to our

astonishment, he immediately urged her to seek God for the gift of interpretation!

This move of God is taking place among many of the leaders of the reformed churches, and Episcopalian rectors are praying their congregations through to the Pentecostal experience, and in their prayer meetings it is reported that all nine gifts of the Spirit are in frequent operation and manifestation. This is true also of Methodist, Baptist and Mennonite churches! All this is happening outside of the well fenced walls of the Pentecostal groups.

What is God doing? Are we to assume that He has finished with His revelations? Is there anything more to be revealed? Is the church to be restored without spot or wrinkle as is indicated in Ephesians 5:27? Have we a right to assume that the future holds more glory than the past? We believe it does—much more. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former (Hag. 2:9).

We believe that the five ministry gifts, the nine gifts in the Holy Spirit, and the nine fruits of the Spirit will all be seen in perfection before Jesus comes to catch away His church. It will be completed, both in number and in quality! This church—the true Body of Christ—will reveal the Christ (the Anointed One) on earth before the Head—Jesus—returns to claim it as His own and to take it away to heaven. We believe it would be wrong to assume that the church is now ready for the immediate return of Jesus. We may be disappointed if we hold this view. The Lord said He would make a quick work on the earth. We believe we are living in the day of a great quickening in the Body of Christ—a quickening in the womb of the church that will reveal Jesus rather than so many of our pet theological ideas, and this will sweep away traditions fondly held, and much “religion” will give way to the pure work of the Holy Spirit.

We believe also that where men and women are filled with the Spirit as in Acts 2:4, this is God’s true way to bring together the Body of Christ and is the fulfillment of Christ’s prayer that they all might be one. What love and unity are suddenly created

when Christians of various communions come together with this glorious experience of speaking in tongues! They do not talk about “their church”, they talk about Jesus and His power! **“For ye shall receive power after (or at the same time) as the Holy Spirit comes upon you”** (Acts 1:8). The indwelling Holy Spirit sheds light from the Bible on the errors of denominationalism.

We also believe that the day of denominations has ended. There will be no more within the true church. It seems as if the angels are now being sent by God to sever the just from the unjust, to separate the sheep from the goats, to divide the unclean fish from the clean in the dragnet. It is good also to remember that an angel is not necessarily a good spirit—it can also mean a good servant of God! It seems that as the anointed servants of God, whom He is raising up for the blessing of the church, preach the fulness of the gospel message, a dividing is bound to occur. Those who truly love God in the formal churches will flow to the blessings of God, and the false who resist the moving of God’s Spirit.

In his footnotes on the parable of the children of the Kingdom and the children of the evil one, Dr. C. I. Schofield makes the comment that many who fondly believe with all their hearts that they are in very truth children of God are in reality children of the devil, and yet they are in our churches—not only in the World Council of Churches, but in every group. At the end of the age there comes a dividing. This time is NOW. Sheep follow the Shepherd when He leads into pastures new of the Holy Spirit, and His gifts. Goats jump and skip from one place to another.

Chapter Two

Demons and Christians

The parables of the dragnet, the wheat and tares, and the good seed and bad seed show that there is much evil in the church. Pastors who have a heart of love for their flocks will know the shocking cases that come to light. Adultery, lying, cheating, stealing, pride and petty-mindedness are all too common in all our denominations. Whispering and backbiting seem almost to be more common these days than the fruits of love and gentleness.

It is too easy to say that only non-Christians would evidence such carnal fruits and manifestations of the devil; for we find many Holy Ghost baptised Christians in our Pentecostal churches doing the same things! Leaders of churches seem more interested in politics and power and money than in the moving of the Spirit and in humility! In fact it seems almost impossible to imagine that God can break through some church groups with their bazaars, bingos and bake sales!

The church for centuries has taught that once a person has accepted Jesus as Saviour, then Satan goes out and Jesus comes in and both cannot dwell in the same vessel at the same time; and this “doctrine” has completely blinded the minds of multitudes to the origin of the fruits and works of Satan in the church!

In *Christian Life Magazine* (December 1961) read by thousands of Christians, there is a question and answer column ably answered by Dr. V. Raymond Edman, the Principal of Wheaton College, Illinois. One of the questions asked in this column was, “Can Christians be demon possessed?” His reply was a classic. “Theory says, No, but facts say, Yes. It is theoretical that a demon cannot possess a body in which the Holy Spirit dwells. However, I have known *true Christians* who

were truly demon possessed, and who were delivered in answer to prayer given in the Name of the Lord Jesus”.

Again, in another issue of the same Magazine, an interview with a Christian psychiatrist was given by the Editor, Bob Walker. Here is a verbatim quotation:

My psychiatrist friend explained that he had been a psychiatrist before he became a Christian. He had moved into psychiatry from medicine in order to be of greater help to his patients. Here, however, he discovered that there were areas of spiritual experience which he did not understand. Finally he determined to find out about this. Purchasing a Bible he began a tour of the churches in his city. At length the Holy Spirit caught up to him and he accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord.

After his conversion it appeared as though the whole mystery of the spiritual life opened like a flower. He explained that ultimately, there appear to be only two forces in the world. God and Satan. Everything else in life as we know it today can be reduced to these two basic factors. Because man is born with the tendency to sin, God has provided a plan of redemption by which men may become members of the family of God. Meanwhile, those who reject God and His Son, Jesus Christ, automatically become members of the family of Satan. There is no middle ground: man must become a member of one family or the other.

The psychiatrist explained that the man who becomes a member of the family of Satan is easy to understand; he is nothing more than a tool in the hand of Satan, and he has only one objective, to discredit God and His Son. Satan may drag some men to the gutter. In doing so he says in effect, “Man is simply an animal, so how can there be a God”. To other men Satan will give wealth and power and then say, “Why submit yourself to God? I will give you everything you want”.

With these traps men are inveigled to believe that they can find the solution to their problems within themselves and apart from God. Nothing could be further from the truth. History as well as sociology and psychiatry provide plenty of evidence to the contrary.

The psychiatrist continued by saying that the Christian, on the other hand, is more difficult to understand. When he

becomes a member of the family of God, God dwells in him. As a man surrenders to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to take control of the various areas of his life, he is able to live a normal, balanced and successful mental, physical and spiritual life; but when he is unwilling to turn over certain areas of his life to the Lord, then Satan attacks. Because Satan is stronger than the man in the flesh, he submits to the temptations of Satan and sins. If this man is spiritually alert, he knows he has immediate recourse to God on the basis of I John 1:9, **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”**.

If a man does not confess his sin, Satan or one of his fellow demon spirits is in control of the phase of the Christian's life. He may enlarge his hold by inviting other stronger and bolder demon spirits to join him. Soon the Christian becomes so confused and defeated that he must seek mental or physical help. (See Matt. 12:43-45).

The psychiatrist concluded by saying that he was convinced that except in the cases of physical injury or deterioration of brain cells, that all cases of mental sickness can be traced to demon power.

Such statements in a reputable Christian Magazine would have been impossible a few short years, or even months ago. God has a time for a deeper revelation of old truths. Did not Jesus say, **“In my name shall ye cast out devils”**? How many church groups have even tried to do it? How many Christians would even recognize the presence of a demon in a Christian by the operation of the gift of discerning of spirits? Up till recently very few, but God is moving by His Spirit so that those in the church who desire deliverance may receive it, for God is equipping men and women today with the power, authority and ability to cast out demons in Jesus' Name—and they are doing it!

In our own experiences which date back to the beginning of 1948, we have only prayed for and delivered Christians. In fact, experience shows that it is necessary for a sufferer to turn to Jesus before he can be delivered. It is not often realized that the demoniac of Gadara fell at the feet of Jesus and worshipped Him before the legion were cast out into the swine. Jesus did not go

around indiscriminately casting out devils. When He went to the pool of Bethesda, He only healed one man whose faith was turning from means (the pool) to God. Jesus met him at the exact moment of faith. He always will!

One of the reasons for this book is to teach that Christians can be oppressed, depressed, possessed and obsessed by demon spirits, and equally that they can be set free by concentrated commanding prayer in Jesus' Name, if they first confess their need and exercise their own faith. Jesus on one occasion said to a motley company of seventy disciples, **"Behold I give unto you POWER to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy"** (Luke 10:19). This authority has never been cancelled. Are we any different today from those seventy disciples?

It has not been realized until recently that Satan, being an independent created being of great power, has to employ his demon spirits to do his work of destruction. **God moves upon all flesh by His Holy Spirit Who is omnipotent and omnipresent, but Satan is not omnipresent, neither is he omnipotent!** He has limited power and authority, but this power and authority is absolutely subject to Jesus the Son of God. **Neither Satan nor his demon spirits can do anything unless our Heavenly Father permits them to do so.** (Read the story of Job).

When Satan sees a Christian letting down his standard and exposing areas of his life to Satan, he at once jumps in with a demon spirit into that exposed area and begins to take possession of it, for it is not under the blood; and then when the first evil spirit (possibly criticism, jealousy or lust) has established a good reliable beach-head, he holds it in order to make the way for other different types, who will also enter and start to establish their characteristics in the Christian's life, until the end of that Christian may be worse than before he was converted. **Why do some Christians commit suicide?**

As growth in grace is always forward for a true child of God, so a backsliding Christian grows backward into disgrace. **We believe that as a Christian grows, the Holy Spirit takes**

increasingly greater control of his life. We often hear the theoretical statement made that so-and-so is “**filled with the Spirit**”. There might have been an experience of the Holy Spirit in that person’s life, but to say that he therefore was completely filled would seem to be contradicted by the obvious evidences all around us. We would suggest that when the Holy Spirit came upon that person certain areas of his life were taken over by the Holy Spirit—in fact as many as were surrendered—but what of those areas that never were surrendered? Experience shows that there are many Christians in our churches today who made a partial surrender, but hold on to certain other areas. Can we say that the Holy Spirit possesses the unsundered areas? We would hardly think so!

Chapter Three

Oppression

The title of this book “Hidden Spirits”, was given of God through Evangelist G. M. Farley of Williamsport, Maryland, who has designed the covers of our books. We have ministered together in prayer for Christians who have been cruelly bound by “hidden spirits”. These tormenting spirits deliberately hide themselves so that the church as a whole has been unaware of their existence. The fact that so many Christians need to recognize their needs of deliverance is known to God and He is bringing these secrets out into the open as Jesus promised. At the same time the Lord is now increasing the number of His ministers who are having their eyes opened to the reality of evil spirits hidden in Christians. It is true that the opposition to this tremendous truth has been great by unthinking ministers, but there is a time for each new progressive revelation of the Holy Spirit.

To illustrate how the Holy Spirit works today. A lady in Toronto invited us to her home and told us that she had internal pains and digestive troubles. As we began to pray, the Lord revealed through the gifts of the Spirit that her trouble was an inflamed gall bladder, from which she had had trouble for years, but it sometimes seemed to be healed and would then flare up again. She agreed that this was a true revelation of the Spirit, for she was familiar with the medical diagnosis, details of which she had not disclosed. As commanding prayer in the Name of Jesus continued, the lady began to feel uncomfortable pressure internally in the region of her gall bladder, and then these wicked evil spirits of infirmity began to come out of her, being coughed out from her. The pain and pressure left and next day poison in her swollen ankle which had troubled her greatly left, and the swelling went down. This case is mentioned, for continuing gall bladder trouble in a Christian would not be

associated with demons! They were hidden until the Spirit of the Lord revealed them and then the authority in the Name of Jesus was used, and the power in the Holy Spirit, to exorcise them and cause healing to return to the lady. The only alternative that medical science can offer is to cut out the inflamed gall bladder, which is a very expensive operation, and why should a child of God have to have a piece of her body cut out when the Bible says that our bodies are the temples of the Spirit of God? Does God honestly want our bodies to be dismembered when He offers divine healing and deliverance??

Some of the evil spirits enumerated in the Bible are called deaf, dumb, and blind. What has not been recognized by the church when reading the relevant passages of Scripture is that a “blind spirit” means exactly what it says. An evil spirit or demon which is lodged in the human body of the person to cause deafness, dumbness or blindness. If the “doctrine” was true that when the Spirit of Christ came in at conversion Satan went out, we are then forced to the repulsive idea that God wills the person to remain deaf, dumb or blind! The Word of God does not agree with this apologetic theology! It is written that **“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him”** (Acts 10:38). **“ALL that were OPPRESSED of the devil”**. Sickness is an oppression of the devil! It is not a gift of God—oppression means “to tyrannize”. To illustrate by a simple analogy the meaning of the word “oppression”, let us refer our readers to the story of Sinbad the Sailor, a classic of our childhood! On one occasion he landed on an island, and an old man jumped on his back and wherever Sinbad went the little old man refused to leave him and he was therefore compelled to have this wretched creature clinging around his neck, night and day. The little old man that sorely oppressed Sinbad the Sailor could be seen as well as felt, but demon spirits, though living creatures of malign intelligence and intention, cannot be seen, but they can be felt, and the feelings in the body are given medical names by the medical profession. In cases of sickness of the body, it seems

that the evil spirits that oppress parts of the body are called by the generic name of “spirits of infirmity”. People get terrified at the thought of another living creature actually being INSIDE THEIR BODY, and flee to the comfortable thought that when they turned to Christ all these hidden spirits left their bodies. It is a sad commentary to have to acknowledge that there seems to be more sickness of the body in the church today, in spite of the increased knowledge of the medical profession, who do their best and deal with the symptoms. The servant of God gets at the cause—a spirit of infirmity, and casts it out of the area of the body that it is occupying. So many people who have been prayed for with cancers in their body have later submitted to a surgical operation only to be informed that the growth is no longer malignant. If the sufferer had waited patiently in faith for the Lord to complete the work of restoration, the benign growth would have dissolved away. It is the life of Satan in it that causes a cancer to grow, the evil spirit seeks to destroy once it has gained a bridge-head. It is the work of God to create, but the work of Satan to destroy. God made the human body after His own image, but Satan ever seeks to wreck the human cells, and cancer is one of his means.

This book is not written because of preconceived theories, nor is any attempt being made to disrupt existing theories held in unbelief. We are writing with a full knowledge of what is being done today in Jesus’ Name by men and women praying the commanding prayer of faith in Jesus’ Name with the power that comes alone by the baptism of the Spirit. Our experiments began at the beginning of 1948 when a congenital asthmatic case was completely healed and delivered in one and a half hours of commanding prayer. We were frankly carrying out a spiritual experiment. This man, aged 40, had received the normal anointing with oil and the prayer of faith with the laying on of hands, but he did not recover! Something stronger—more violent—was needed; we decided to challenge the devil in Jesus’ Name. First we knowingly covered ourselves in the precious Blood of Jesus by faith, then we attacked and commanded the evil spirits to come out—we did not know their

name, we just decided we would find out the hard experimental way, and anyone who does so today will produce astonishing results! The man was completely delivered after being bound by spirits of infirmity in his breathing tubes, and was set permanently free—in one year he put on 50 lbs. in weight, and his heart which had been weak was made strong. He had been “oppressed of the devil” and these evil spirits were inside him—naturally they had to be. They coughed and vomited out of him in a one-and-a-half hour prayer session. This man had previously been gloriously saved and delivered from the Roman Catholic Church, and baptized in the Spirit as evidenced by speaking in tongues. When Jesus and the Holy Spirit came in, did the spirits or demons of infirmity go out? No! They had to be cast out violently later! If we had not prayed that prayer of faith for him, he might have been sick today, and possibly in his grave!

One lady, suffering from extreme weakness and nervous exhaustion, was prayed for in 1948 as one of our early experiments, and she was never expected to get out of bed again. We spent a few hours in special prayer with her and these spirits of weakness (infirmity) coughed out of her as we prayed, and today (1962) she is still alive and walking about enjoying herself—well past 70!

It would be impossible to catalogue all the cases of all the hundreds that have received healing **by the prayer of faith practiced in this forceful manner**. It is a question of recognizing that it is a demon or demons, and then learning to attack and wrestle with them, for they are entirely subject unto us in Jesus’ Name. It is not safe to attack unless we have faith in the protection of the Blood of Jesus applied by our own faith. As the children of Israel used it on the doors of their homes, so we sprinkle it on our lives, so that the destroyer shall not harm us (Ex. 12:23). In many cases no immediate evidence is noticed, but this should not discourage us. We should press the battle in full assurance of the victory of Calvary in each case. Simply command the evil spirits to come out of the bodies in Jesus’ Name, and go on commanding until they do. There is not always a manifestation. Sometimes it is quite violent, and they come out

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through the throat as the person is in great discomfort and coughs convulsively as evil spirits leave the body! This is sometimes evidenced by milder coughing of a constant nature, and in lesser cases occasional coughs. Sometimes the sufferer yawns or sighs, and sometimes a feeling of great release is felt. Weeping as an evidence of release is quit common, as the demon seems to express his crocodile tears at leaving!

Do we say, therefore, that these Christians were possessed of a devil? The Bible says they were oppressed by the devil! Jesus spoke of those who were vexed of a devil. If we use Bible expressions we shall not be misunderstood. Whether oppressed, possessed, vexed or obsessed, the same prayer of faith will avail!

Chapter Four

Partial Possession

In the last chapter we endeavoured to demonstrate and prove that Christians can suffer chronic sicknesses due to being indwelt by evil spirits of infirmity lodging in areas of the physical body. It is obvious that non-Christians are similarly affected, but it would be unrealistic to try to continue to take the foolish theological position that sickness is sent of God to Christians when Jesus healed people oppressed of the devil. We do not by any means suggest that all sickness is caused by an indwelling demon in the body. Some troubles are caused by accidents and actual destruction of physical parts of the body. ~~Even in these cases evil spirits will often hinder healing, or take advantage of a physical weakness of the body.~~

However, the body is not the only part of man to be attacked by Satan. Man is triune—spirit, soul and body. He also has a will which is related to his mind. ~~Satan will send his demons to attack the mind of the believer; he will implant thoughts such as murder, suicide, theft, adultery, filthiness, etc....~~ It is an interesting thought for us to consider. From whence do thoughts originate? There are possibly three answers to this complex question. The first is, from the Holy Spirit of God Who gives us thoughts of purity and nobleness. ~~Conversely, Satan and his cohorts give us thoughts of impurity, wickedness, licentiousness and lust.~~ In the middle is our subconscious mind, about which we do not understand very much, but it seems to be a kind of reservoir or tape recorder of thoughts and impressions of forgotten things that happened, even in impressionable childhood. From these three sources we suggest all our thoughts and dreams materialize. “First the thought and then the deed” is a true saying, and Jesus told us that the evil thoughts that proceed from the human mind defile the man, and God would never give us a thought to defile us. It must be Satan who gives

it to us. In John 13:2 Satan first put the evil thought into the heart (mind) of Judas Iscariot, and then when Judas agreed to the thought it is recorded in verse 27 that **“Satan entered into him”**. From a thought to possession and death. Satan used the channel of a human life, through his mind, to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. We are sure that Judas could have resisted, for he also had free will. He loved money more than God—have we met any professing Christians today like this? What about those who are convinced about tithing and do not tithe?

One of the first cases with which we had to deal in 1948 was a Deacon in a church who intended suicide. We had enough discernment of spirits in those days to tell him over the telephone that he was possessed in his mind of a demon of suicide. He came for deliverance, and in one-and-a-half hours he was gloriously delivered as these strong killing demons which spoke to us, were coughed violently out of him. To say that the poor man was not a child of God would have been cruel. He needed deliverance and came to Jesus like the demoniac of Gadara. The destroying spirit had taken possession of him, though he had made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and had been baptized in the Spirit.

A few years ago we prayed for a man in Chicago, Illinois, who had a sweet and lovable spirit and was always at every service of his church and helped where possible. He truly loved the Lord and freely worshipped Him. This man was terribly bound in his mind and was unable to remember either the text or the message preached by the pastor. For over forty years he had been bound in his mind. As a young man in the army of the First World War he had committed sins common to young soldiers, though he was a professing Christian, and this backsliding from the path of moral rectitude, due to the pressures of war, had caused a binding spirit to come into his mind. In a half-an-hour these spirits were coughed out of him and he expressed overwhelming joy later that his mind was now fresh and he could remember both the text and the context of the sermon preached by his pastor, who is also regularly casting out demons in Jesus' Name today! It is highly probable that this man would

have gone to his grave, a believing Christian, with these binding spirits in his mind unless God in His great mercy had brought to light this tremendous truth of new spiritual dimension. **“In My Name shall ye cast out devils”** (Mark 16:17).

Is it not true today that in our churches there are people who have unforgiving spirits, lustful spirits, unclean spirits, thieving spirits and suchlike? To those whose ministry it is to pray for those so oppressed we record with sorrow that these people are in our churches, and many of them have had the baptism in the Spirit, and when we have prayed for them the evil spirits have named themselves, and told us when they entered; sometimes when the person was a child. Coming to Christ and receiving the baptism of the Spirit had not cast out the evil tormenting spirits. Later prayer was necessary for that, and then and then only did these evil characteristics leave and they lost the desire to steal, commit adultery, and to lie. We must not assume that some of these poor people want to continue living this type of life, for they do not! They are seeking those who will pray them through to deliverance! Some of them have waged unsuccessful war for years against these horrible traits in their natures, but have failed. Yes, we know of others whom God cleaned up when they came to Christ, but it does not seem to happen in all cases—not by any means. We have to deal with facts as God presents them to us, not fanciful theories of apologetic theology!

Why do we have so many denominations and sects today? Is this God’s perfect will for His children? Why are some sects obviously so far off the truths of pure Bible doctrine and obstinately stick to their errors? Paul leaves us in no doubt. He says they are led away by doctrines of demons and seducing spirits (I Tim. 4:1). These demons are deliberately sent to seduce a child of God away from the love of Jesus, and then when they have enticed him, as we read in James 1:12-15, they lead him to his spiritual death, and sometimes suicide. This scripture states quite clearly that God does not tempt a man. It is Satan that does this dirty work, and entices the child of God; then he implants his own erroneous doctrines, and the evil spirits will continue to teach and enlarge these false doctrines in the poor deluded

~~person's mind, while they carry on their false cult with all the zeal of the prophets of Baal, who were so in earnest that they cut themselves with knives (I Kings 18:28).~~ We can be earnestly wrong—led away by a seducing spirit and fed by doctrines of demons! There never was a day of so many false doctrines and false cults, even denying the Blood of Jesus and His divinity. Let us be sure that we do not entertain these demons in our minds that they might so easily seduce us from the truth of God's Holy Word, which alone is able to save us from Satan and his enormous power.

Once a child of God has opened the door of his mind to the Holy Spirit, this same door is also open to other spirits. Let us not be deceived. It is only as we WALK IN THE LIGHT as Jesus is in the Light, that the Blood of Jesus is able to keep our minds clean and clear. (I Jn. 1:7). When a Christian backslides in any particular area, he is wide open for the oppression of demons, which leads ultimately to possession.

Attacks upon the minds of Christians is one of Satan's most popular and common devices. If Satan went out when Jesus came in, we would have perfect churches!

We cannot close this chapter without referring to the tragic tricks of Satan that he plays on sensitive Christians by obsessing their minds with a lie. Spiritual obsession is very common and may actually lead a person into a mental home where the medical profession will administer electric and insulin shock treatments in an attempt to smash this tormenting obsession in the brain. An obsession of Satan is a lie that is first whispered into the mind by a demon, then it causes consternation or alarm, and eventually brings in reinforcements which then take over more and more of the mind with the one thought, until it is difficult for this person, now known as a neurotic, to think of anything else. Appeals to reason fail because the lie is now believed as truth, and this is a most difficult sickness with which to deal. Two things seem to be necessary, the first of course is believing prayer, and many sessions may have to be undertaken in such a case, until the mind begins to clear, and then it must at

once be fed on the truth of God's Word. The opposite truth to Satan's lie must be continually implanted by the Christian friend or minister. It may be a case of insomnia, and so we must continually remind the sufferer that it is written, **"He giveth his beloved sleep"**, and by this means the poor obsessed mind will be led into the light of God's truth, which alone sets men free. No wonder James wrote, **"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed"** (Jas. 5:16).

In connection with this scripture it must be emphasized that no person can be delivered if they are not willing to confess their need and their great desire to be delivered. We will save ourselves a lot of time, energy and trouble if we make quite sure that the person really does want to be free. Strange as it may seem, some people will come for the prayer of deliverance, but deep down in their hearts they still have some love left for their sin. Practical experience has taught us that alcoholics and moral perverts find it very hard to "come clean". They still love their sin from which they ask to be set free. Moral perverts will go to any length to hide their sin under a cloak of religion, and will actually ask for prayer to pretend that they have been delivered in the eyes of the church, so that they can continue their terrible sin under the cloak of deceit.

Unless a person desires Jesus Christ above all else, it may be dangerous to pray the prayer of deliverance, for if the demon is cast out at the time of prayer, he will not only seek re-entrance, but will bring seven others worse than himself and the last state of the person is worse than before we prayed. Backsliders caught in Satan's grip must be certain they really mean business with God before we pray. Jesus must be their heart's desire, not just deliverance.

Chapter Five

Attacks on the Human Spirit

The body and the mind are not the only parts of man that Satan seeks to occupy and destroy. If he can attack the human spirit he wins a tremendous victory. Who has not despaired in trying to help a person suffering from spiritual depression and melancholia. Although this may sometimes be called mental depression, yet we believe that its primary cause lies in the human spirit. A deep shock, or the loss of a near relative, or the loss of a business or prestige can induce a condition of spiritual hopelessness, when the individual gives up all hope and loses all initiative. Arguments, reason all fail to reach such a case, and many end their days in a mental hospital.

Mrs. Agnes Sanford, well known in the Episcopal church of the United States, a lady filled with the Holy Spirit, has had some invaluable experience in such cases, as she herself at one time knew the hopeless depths of a crushed human spirit. She advocates that the first step is to enter into the sufferings of the individual as far as is possible by compassionate understanding—in other words to get down into the pit with them, to weep with them, and to identify oneself with their pitiful state, and then to pray a positive prayer of faith on their behalf, to break the hold that Satan has on the crushed human spirit. From this point it should be possible gradually to encourage the sufferer and get him back on the Word of God. Such people will endeavor to cling like ivy to the one who enters into their sufferings, and great patience and understanding will be necessary, but every effort should be made to get the suffering one out of this depression and to stand on their own feet and to occupy their minds by doing something of interest, as this mental therapy will help greatly to get the mind to function in a positive manner. As the mind begins to work, so will the human will begin to take over, and instead of willingness to be negative,

positive desires will once again be found in the human mind, and then as the mind begins to operate afresh it can be fed progressively on the Word of God. Negative thoughts must never be entertained or discussed. By showing sympathy and compassion, we do not mean that we have to be negative and listen to their negatives for too long. If we do they will not progress, but desire only to dwell in their shadows. We must lead them out into light by feeding them afresh on the pure Word of life.

It seems that Christians are in many cases victims of spiritual depression, even those filled with the Spirit. Even though Christ may have come in, Satan seeks to overthrow His rule by taking advantage in times of shock. We do well to remember the words of scripture found in I Cor. 10:13, **“There has no temptation (trial) taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation (trial) also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”**. It is clear from this scripture that all who suffer by Satan’s attacks as he seeks to “take” them, must ultimately enter into the way of escape for themselves, although we may pull on the rope. The only sure way of healing in spirit, soul or body lies in the individual being willing to believe God’s Word for themselves and act as though they believed.

Our prayers break Satan’s strong grip, leaving the individual unchained, though weak, to walk out of the enemy’s strong prison. In Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress* the hero, Christian, got off the straight and narrow path and was captured by Giant Despair and locked up in his foul dungeon of Doubting Castle. There, poor Christian lay for days waiting death at the giant’s hands, and he was in a most miserable and hopeless state, though a bright Christian a few hours before! His spirit was crushed and his mind filled with fear and forebodings at what Satan’s emissaries would do. After being in acute misery and depression for days, he put his hand into his bosom and pulled out some promises of God, which acted as keys to all the locks of the prison and castle, and even though Giant Despair saw him

leave he was powerless to stop his escape to freedom, because he had the promises of God. Jesus said the truth would set us free.

In Isaiah 61:1 we read that Jesus was anointed of the Holy Spirit to **“bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound”**. He comes again today through his anointed servants to bind up our wounds of spirit, to preach the glorious truth that He has set us free—emancipated us from the hands of the lying deceiving devil, and then He throws the door of our prison wide open and says, “You are free”. It still remains for the poor bound captive to get up and walk out. This is his part. He may elect to remain in prison and we must then pray that Satan’s power shall be broken over his spirit that his will may begin to operate.

There can be no failures in the ministry of deliverance from the cruel bondage of the devil if we can get the co-operation of the sufferer.

A young man came to us for help. He had been in touch with Dr. Oswald Smith of The Peoples Church, Toronto, who very graciously advised him to visit us, for Dr. Smith believed we had the experience to help. This man had been in a hospital for psychiatric help. He had had many shock treatments and was on strong drugs. He was so bound that he could not leave home, and was so filled with fear that he broke out in a sweat at the very mention of doing anything. It was explained to him that Jesus would heal him if he made the first effort. The prodigal son took the first step and God the second. We believe this is a pattern of all restoration. This man came to a church service and immediately felt the different spirit in the church—different from his home or the hospital. Compassion was shown—we endeavored to enter into his torments of spirit and mind as far as possible, and then prayed for him. This began a chain reaction, although he had downs as well as ups for a few weeks. We prayed several times, and each time he improved, finally we prayed for him and he received a most powerful baptism of the Spirit, speaking forth in unknown tongues as the Holy Spirit

came in and possessed him. He attended the services regularly and then was baptized in water, understanding that this signified death to the old life of torment. He grasped this truth and continued to walk in newness of resurrection life purchased for him by Jesus. His doctor was astonished at his progress, but he freely told him how Jesus had healed him. We venture to say that his progress will continue and be permanent as he applies himself to learn about Jesus and His Word, and attends the services of the church as often as humanly possible.

The reason that people backslide is because they begin to grow cold in their love for God and His Word and let other things draw them away from the house of God. This is Satan's opportunity and he pounces and then the backslider is in trouble which may lead to physical sickness, mental disturbance, or a spiritual depression, or all three. Let us never forget that the gift of God is eternal life, but the wages of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23).

Chapter Six

Secrets Revealed

In spite of the clear statement of Scripture that sickness is an oppression (tyranny) of Satan (Acts 10:38), most Christians have been very slow to understand this simple fact. If Satan is the author of sickness and disease as seems clear, then it must be understood that he is not omnipresent as is the Holy Spirit, but he must use his underlings, cohorts, devils, demons or evil spirits (call them by what name you prefer!). These wicked spirits do their work as invisible beings, and are therefore hidden from view, but their baneful effects are all too obvious in sickness, suffering and disease.

Smith Wigglesworth has been one of the greatest men of faith in this twentieth century, but like many such men he had to go down to the depths of near death to bring the message of deliverance to the captives. As a Pastor of a mission in the north of England he held the traditional view that sickness had to be endured if it could not be healed, and if it was permitted of God to work out a deeper Christian walk, it might be better to keep the sickness rather than lose it! This illogical approach is still held by multitudes who go to a doctor and yet secretly believe they are suffering for the glory of God.

Mr. Wigglesworth went down to death's door with chronic appendicitis. His wife did not expect him to live and was preparing for his death. For six months he had been going down hill, and one night rolled on the floor of his mission in agony, for as yet he only had a very faint vision of Jesus as the Healer of the body! They brought him home and put him to bed in his agony, and all night he prayed and pleaded with God for healing and deliverance, but none came! The family doctor was called in that night and he said there was no possible hope, for his body was too weak to stand an operation. The doctor left the house and Mrs. Wigglesworth was heartbroken, expecting the angel of

death to visit the home that night.

Just after the doctor left, God began to undertake, no doubt in answer to importunate prayers. A young man and an old lady visited the home, the latter being known as a woman of prayer. They entered into the sick room, and without any preliminary discussion, the young man jumped on to the bed and commanded the EVIL SPIRIT to come out of him! He shouted, "Come out you devil; I command you to come out in the Name of Jesus". Smith Wigglesworth explained that there was no chance for argument or opportunity given to tell the young man that there was no demon inside him, for he would never have believed it. What Christian would have believed such "heresy" in 1900? Naturally the demon had to go, and IT WENT, and he was *instantly healed*.

He arose and dressed and went downstairs, and as he was a plumber he asked his astonished wife if there were any jobs to be done. Yes, there was one so he took his tools and went off to do it. Just after he left the doctor returned and walked upstairs to the bedroom. To his astonishment he found the dying patient had gone. On inquiring what had happened, Mrs. Wigglesworth said, "He has gone to work". "In that case", said the doctor, "you will never see him alive again; they will bring him back a corpse". Mr. Wigglesworth lived to be a ripe 87 years young and prayed for the sick until he went to be with the Lord after a service in God's house. He never needed another doctor, for he had found the power that there is in the name of Jesus to cast out demons of infirmity that cause such mundane sicknesses as appendicitis.

Dr. Alexander Dowie, who founded Zion City, Illinois, and who had such a marvelous deliverance church in Chicago whose walls were covered with crutches, braces and other evidences of the divine healing power of God, came into his ministry by realizing also that it is necessary to take dominion over the devil and his demons. In 1904 he was a pastor of a Congregational church in Australia, and the area was hit by a terrible plague, which caused the death of many of his congregation. He was hard put in his house visitation work to explain how this could

be, especially to faithful Christian people. He saw their agony and writhings, but was impotent to stop the plague. He visited one home in which a young girl and her brother were in their death throes; the girl was foaming at the mouth and her face turning black, and the death rattle in her throat. With the desperation of despair, and with a righteous holy indignation arising in his breast, he openly faced the demon of death, Satan (Heb. 2:14), and commanded him to come out of the girl in Jesus' Name. Instantly, the blackness in the face began to disappear, and the frothing at the mouth stopped, and the breathing became normal. He then went into her brother's room and again faced the devil and rebuked him in Jesus' Name, commanding him to come out of the boy. The same glorious result was seen. Satan, the angel of death, left that home and it is recorded that from that moment there were no more deaths in Dowie's church. He arrested the plague by using the name of Jesus as his authority to rebuke the devil—and the devil went!

A pastor's wife once told us of a very remarkable experience in her life. Having been brought up to believe that Jesus is the Divine Physician, she refused to consult a physician when she developed gangrene of the leg. This wound grew in size, until she was no longer able to walk or stand. With dogged spirit she continued to attend to her needs by dragging herself about on the floor of her kitchen. One day she looked at the terrible open wound and she said, "I saw the face of the devil in it". This realization, which apparently was made clear to her by the Holy Spirit, caused her at once to shout, "Satan I rebuke you in Jesus' Name and command you to come out of my leg". From that moment onwards the wound began to heal, and later when she was examined by a doctor, he refused to believe she could have had such a terrible wound healed without the help of medical science. Her name was Mrs. Daisy Horton, late beloved wife of Harold Horton, the author of the classic "The Gifts of the Spirit".

Again referring to the late Smith Wigglesworth, he used to say that there are times when you pray for the sick and appear to get rough; here we are not dealing with a person, we are dealing

with the satanic forces that are binding and oppressing the person. Our hearts are full of love and compassion for the sufferer, but we are moved to holy anger as we see the place that Satan has taken IN THE BODY OF the sick one, and we deal with his entrenched position with power, authority and force vested in us as Holy Spirit filled believers. He said that we are always right when we dare to deal with sickness as a devil. Much sickness is caused by some misconduct, mistake or neglect, but this has given Satan an opportunity to get in by his evil spirits of sickness. He then says that the person may need to repent and confess where the door had been opened for Satan to come in, and then the prayer of faith and the rebuke in the Name of Jesus can be given to the spirit of sickness or infirmity, and the person healed.

In the case of cancer, a far too prevalent killing disease, Wigglesworth tells us to recognize that there is a living evil spirit in the cancer that is destroying the body. He used to curse the evil life in the cancers and command it to come out in Jesus' Name. He often saw the dead tissues of cancer leave the body after such prayers.

In our own ministry, we commenced delivering people in the Name of Jesus by the same methods. We attacked the devilish power behind the sicknesses in Jesus' Name, and in fourteen years to the time of writing we have seen some amazing healings and deliverances in spirit, soul and body. It was after these initial experiences that the Holy Spirit began to teach us from the Scriptures that this would seem to be the accepted method of approaching sickness in Apostolic days. Did not the seventy elders return from their healing mission with a shout of triumph saying, **"Lord even the DEVILS are subject unto us in thy Name"**? (Luke 10:17). It was then that Jesus assured them they had POWER to tread on serpents and scorpions, and to take authority over all the POWER of Satan. The last part of this promise has often fortified us in our battle against demons powers, **"And nothing shall by any means hurt you"** (Luke 10:19).

Secrets Revealed

(Read “Dominion over Demons” by the author).

Chapter Seven

Give Me This Mountain

When an understanding person comes to Jesus Christ and accepts Him as Saviour, he enters into a legal agreement with Him. This document is known as the New Testament and is the last will and testament of our Heavenly Father. It is recorded that God in Christ died reconciling the world unto Himself, but though the whole world is reconciled, yet this contract and the terms of it have to be accepted by the individual. Most Christians only accept portions of the terms of this will, and so do not receive very much. This is a document of love, founded on love, but all the promises of it must be received only on the grounds of our personal faith. It is here that most Christians fail. They are satisfied to settle for small blessings in this life so long as they can be assured of eternal life in heaven after death.

This conception is a far cry from the truth. This new covenant carries promises of *divine health* for spirit, soul and body. It carries promises of *prosperity* in the sense that God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. It carries promises of joy, rest, peace and happiness in the midst of turmoil and trials that destroy our neighbours. Too frequently our eyes are on the circumstances around us, and not on the Word of God. *We compare ourselves with others*, which is not wise, *instead of with Jesus Who loves us*. It must be confessed, if we are honest, that too many of us are poor representations of the *more abundant life* that He promises to give to all who will believe AND ACCEPT. We are more often sick than well; we are more often complaining than full of praise; we are more often scraping for existence than relaxing in abundance; we are too often critical and do not enjoy the success of others. In fact it seems we are one great contradiction. We say we are Christians, but where is the evidence? God wants everyone to know that we are Christians by the more abundant life that we radiate in

health, wealth, happiness and love. Too many Christians try to live the Christian life and do the works of the Spirit **without the baptism of the Spirit,** and yet this great blessing is free for the taking—it is ours—but **unbelief, fear, jealousy, pride and ignorance keep us from entering in.** One of the greatest of the spirits that Satan sends is the spirit of bondage. What a contrast, for we read, **“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption”** (Rom. 8:15). The Holy Spirit adopts us into the family of God and Jesus our Saviour and Deliverer becomes our Elder Brother. He is the only begotten Son of God, but we become sons of God by adoption. Surely our Elder Brother does not want us to live at such a low level of Christian experience. Is it not His will that we should live like the royalty we are in Christ? **We are sons and daughters of the King!**

If it is true that when Jesus Christ comes into our hearts and lives Satan immediately goes out, then where does the spirit of bondage that grips us in vice-like fear come from? We are told God does not give it to us! Where do the spirits of pride, jealousy, greed, deceit, lying, cheating and lust come from, for God does not put them upon us. King Saul was among the prophets of Israel, but because of disobedience God sent a lying spirit who prophesied through him after the Holy Spirit had departed.

It seems to us that when a person dedicates his life to the service of Jesus Christ he has entered into the contract, but there is still a long and serious battle ahead to clear out the giants who have occupied the territory of our lives. The type is found in the story of Caleb, who requested that the mountain of the Anakims should be his, as was promised by God to Moses forty years before. He exclaimed, with a heart full of faith and a body full of health and strength at 85 years of age, **“Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day for the Anakims were there and the cities were great and fenced: If so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to DRIVE THEM OUT, as the Lord said”** (Jos. 14:12).

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The mountain belonged to Caleb as a sacred trust from God, but before he could enjoy his inheritance he had to make war and drive out the giants from the mountain. He had to go up and attack, but having God's Word behind him and the certainty of God's help, he knew before he started that he could possess fully the inheritance by making progressive war against the enemy entrenched in strongly fortified cities.

When we give our lives to God, He gives them back to us as a sacred trust. Our lives belong to God, but the outworking of His promises rest in our hands as we exercise our own faith, and remember, where fear is present faith cannot operate. Fear paralyzes our actions and makes our inheritance to be immobilized. We must be full of faith and have a different spirit to some, and wholly follow the Lord (Jos. 14:14).

Our lives are sometimes most complex, due to early environmental upbringing, pre-natal care, heredity, illnesses and shocks in early impressionable childhood. Psychologists are beginning to try to probe some of these problems, but those who regularly pray for Christians who are sick, bound and oppressed, are finding out some very interesting answers. If Satan went out when Jesus came in, then it seems obvious he would be perfect at the rebirth! Experience shows that this is not so—far from it! It is only as the Holy Spirit comes to our help, and shines into the inner recesses of our complex lives that we begin to see ourselves as God sees us, at least in a measure, and the results are not very flattering to those who rely on self-righteousness to see them through life. It is the continuing revelation of our imperfections that drives us to seek God afresh to deliver us from these traits, or areas in our lives that Satan has *never vacated*. Why should he vacate them? The Anakims would have gone on living on the mountain belonging to Caleb unless he boldly drove them out, and this did not happen in one day or one week. Even after every Anakim was dead, or had fled, there was still the need to consolidate, and to cultivate the newly acquired territory. The vineyards had to be pruned, dug and manured to bring forth their fruits.

There is nothing automatic about salvation. The connotation of the word “salvation” does not only indicate the right of entry into heaven at death, but carries the thought of full deliverance for the whole man, spirit, soul and body in this life. The word “sozo” which is Greek for salvation, is translated as “healed, made whole, delivered, set free”, and means complete emancipation. When the negro slaves of the South were emancipated by proclamation of Abraham Lincoln, many of them preferred to remain tied to their old masters. They did not lay hold fully of their legal rights.

We are convinced that most Christians need to recognize that they can get rid of chronic bondages and fears in their lives, they can get rid of those stubborn sicknesses which have plagued them all their lives, and without the help of the strong prayers of deliverance, rebuking the sicknesses as of Satan, they will probably go to an early grave with their sicknesses, in spite of being “good church members”. Jesus never meant for this to happen, for the terms of the New Testament give us freedom and more abundant life. If we remain satisfied to permit the demons of pride, anger, avarice, fear, bondage, and false doctrines to remain in their fenced cities in our lives, then God can do nothing to help us until we recognize these truths and go to work to cast them out. Satan lulls many into the sleep of hopelessness if they say that Jesus drove them all out for them when He came in. The truth is that Jesus only occupies the areas of our lives into which we invite Him. It is true that our lives belong to Him and He returns them to us to take care of, as stewards of the mysteries of God, but we must clean up every area governed by Satan and his evil spirits.

Once confession of a need is made, we can then pray objectively for the Christian, and it is marvelous how these evil spirits then come out of them in a most spectacular way, and the relief and release is sweet indeed as Jesus comes in and takes over that area in the mountain of our lives as one more giant has been cast out. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance, and we need thereafter to keep that area under the Blood of Jesus so that the destroyer does not seek to reoccupy the area (Ex. 12:23).

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Remember, we receive Jesus as Saviour and the Holy Spirit as Baptizer entirely on the grounds of our personal faith. He takes us as we are, not as we think we are, and comes into us in the measure that He is able. Our lives are like a 100-room hotel, and we must surrender all these rooms to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and sometimes Satan will strongly resist, especially in the smoking or drinking room! Rooms of lust are very prevalent in Christians today and some have fought losing battles in their own strength against these demons. A life of victory is possible for all Christians, but we must learn to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, not to excuse ourselves and talk about heredity or sub-conscious influences from childhood. If we can indeed do all things through Christ Who strengthens us, then we can take the mountain and drive out the giants for God is with us.

Lord give me this mountain!

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